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LETTER DATED 12 SEPTEMBER 2001 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ROMANIA ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT TRANSMITTING THE TEXTS OF THE STATEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT OF ROMANIA, MR. ION ILIESCU, AND THE PRIME MINISTER OF ROMANIA, MR. ADRIAN NASTASE, AS WELL AS THE PRESS RELEASE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF ROMANIA, ON TERRORIST ATTACKS IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

I have the honour to transmit herewith the texts of the Statements by H.E. Mr. Ion ILIESCU, President of Romania and H.E. Mr. Adrian NASTASE, Prime Minister of Romania, as well as the Press Release of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania, dated September 11, 2001, issued in relation to the terrorist attacks occurred on the same day in the United States of America.

I would be grateful if these statements could be issued as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament to the delegations of all member States of the Conference and non-member States participating in its work.

(Signed) Anda Cristina FILIP
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Conference on Disarmament

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The Statement of Mr. Ion Iliescu, President of Romania on terrorist attacks in the United States

We have witnessed with great concern and distress the terrorist attacks targeted against several civilian, official and military objectives in the United States of America.

I wish to publicly express my deepest sympathy and regret for the human losses and I to convey my deepest compassion and my condolences to the families of the victims and to the American people. I firmly condemn terrorism as a means to achieve political, economical or social objectives.

World peace cannot be secured through violence and fanaticism, but through dialogue and negotiation. We have always stated that violence can only breed violence, and this can in no way advocated for. Nor can this murderous attack, targeting such large numbers of innocent people.

The human tragedy sorrowing the United States of America represents a tragedy shared by the whole of the human kind and stands as further proof for the fact that extremist actions can serve no cause whatsoever. I have sent Mr. George Bush, President of the United States a letter of condolences and solidarity, expressing my belief that the USA, the American people will find the strength to overcome this unprecedented tragedy.

I have called a meeting of the Supreme Council for National Defense this evening where we shall issue the official point of view on this awful tragedy

Bucharest, September 11, 2001

The statement of Mr. Adrian Nastase, Prime Minister of Romania on terrorist attacks in the United States

Ladies and gentlemen,

Short ago, an unprecedented terrorist attack has struck the United States, concentrated on several vital points. This will create a feeling of utmost concern, not only within the United States, but throughout the entire world.

We firmly condemn this type of action, regardless of its motives. This attack cannot be justified, in any way. We express our compassion for the victims of these simultaneous attacks, which did not discern between children and adults, between Americans and Europeans on board the hijacked planes or on the sites of the crashes.

This terrorist attack will engender an environment of uncertainty, of alert and tension, and we sincerely hope that it will not destabilize and affect peace and security throughout the world.

We believe that in not the way issues of this world can be addressed. We express our deepest sympathy and our support in fighting all other actions of this kind.

We believe that it is our duty to closely watch the further evolution of the events and I want to inform you that following consultations with President Ion Iliescu, we have decided to call a meeting of the Supreme Council for National Defense for this evening.

Bucharest, September 11, 2001

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF ROMANIA

ON TERRORIST ATTACKS IN THE UNITED STATES

PRESS-RELEASE ISSUED ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

The Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs strongly condemns the terrorist attacks occurred today in the United States of America, that caused harmful lost of human lives and enormous material damages. At these tragic moments we express our sympathy to the victims of the terrorist attacks and the solidarity with the whole American people.

These cowered attacks of utmost gravity are addressed against the very essence of civilization and democracy. There is not a single demand that could be justified by means of such extreme cruelty.

The catastrophe taken place in the USA represents a major concern to us and underlines the need to reaffirm our solidarity for fighting against terrorism.

We are confident that the American people will find the strength to overcome this difficult moment. In these efforts, the USA can count on the support of its allies and friends.